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FBI

Date: 2/23/68

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Via AIRTEL (Priority)

TO: DIRECTOR, FBI (62-109060)

FROM: SAC, DALLAS (89-43) (P)

RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY
11/22/63, DALLAS, TEXAS
MISCELLANEOUS -
INFORMATION CONCERNING

OO - DALLAS

Re Dallas airtel to Bureau, 2/21/68, and Bureau telephone call to Dallas, 2/23/68 requesting that MELVIN L. GRAY, JR., be immediately contacted and interviewed as to the circumstances under which he found an unfired Savage .303 caliber rifle cartridge, and Dallas telephone call to Houston, 2/23/68.

Enclosed for information of Houston is one Xerox copy of referenced Dallas airtel.

The Bureau instructed in referenced telephone call that MELVIN L. GRAY, JR., be immediately contacted and interviewed as to specifically where and when he found the unfired cartridge and to obtain such cartridge from him for a laboratory examination, and that it should be pointed out to him that such cartridge could be returned to him if he so desired, and that a receipt should be given for such cartridge.

62-109060-6203

On the afternoon of 2/23/68, SA WILL HAYDEN GRIFFIN contacted MELVIN L. GRAY, SR., 3756 Rockdale Drive, Dallas, Texas, at which time he advised that his son, MELVIN L. GRAY, JR. and his friend BILL (LNU) had both returned to Houston, Texas, where they were both students at the University of Houston. Mr. GRAY stated his son could be located at 4009 Drake, Houston, Texas, telephone MO 5-3357. He stated that his son had taken the unfired cartridge back to school with him and that he felt his son would cooperate in furnishing same to the FBI.

(3) - Bureau
2 - Houston (encl-1) (62-2115)
2 - Dallas

Approved: _____ Sent _____ M Per _____

RPG:jeg Special Agent in Charge

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Section 153

Airtel to SACs, Houston and Dallas
RE: ASSASSINATION OF PRESIDENT
JOHN FITZGERALD KENNEDY

Houston and Dallas insure that the New Orleans Division receives all information relating to this matter, noting that New Orleans did not receive copies of referenced Houston airtel 2/23/68 or Dallas airtel of the same date, copies of which are enclosed for the information of New Orleans.

Investigation in this phase should be handled expeditiously, and Dallas, if photographs of the location where the bullet was found are available, information concerning this should be incorporated into a letterhead memorandum, and the photographs are to be enclosures to this communication. Dallas determine from Mr. and Mrs. Melvin L. Gray, due to present circumstances, whether they have any objection to revealing their identity.

NOTE:

Melvin L. Gray, Jr., furnished information to a clerical employee of our Dallas Office that he found a .303 unfired rifle cartridge partially buried in the soil near a drainage opening at the assassination site which, according to Gray, was "an ideal escape route." District Attorney Garrison has publicly stated that the assassins made their escape utilizing a sewer in Dealey Plaza. Gray was reported by Dallas to have more than an ordinary interest in the assassination, and there were indications he would turn the cartridge over to District Attorney Garrison.

Dallas was telephonically instructed to interview Gray thoroughly. It was determined Gray had returned to school in Houston, and he was interviewed by the Houston Office. He has made the bullet available which is being furnished to the Laboratory by separate communication for examination, and Houston is being instructed to submit results of Gray's interview in a letterhead memorandum suitable for dissemination.